

City of Evansville Common Council
Regular Meeting
 City Hall, 31 S Madison St, Evansville WI 53536
 Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. **Call to order**, by Mayor, Dianne Duggan at 6:00 pm.
2. Roll call:

Members	Present/Absent	Others Present
Aldersperson, Jim Brooks	P	Jason Sergeant, City Administrator
Aldersperson, Cory Neeley	P	Colette Spranger, Com Dev Dir.
Aldersperson, Ben Corridon	P	Leah Hurtley, City Clerk
Mayor, Dianne Duggan	P	Mark Kopp, City Attorney
Aldersperson, Ben Ladick	P	Megan Kloeckner, Library Director
Aldersperson, Susan Becker	P	Bill Lathrop, Evansville Today
Aldersperson, Gene Lewis	P	Kelly Gildner, The Evansville Review
Aldersperson, Joy Morrison	P	
Aldersperson, Erika Stuart	P	

3. **Motion to approve the agenda** by Brooks, seconded by Morrison. *Motion carried 8-0.*
4. **Motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the December 13, 2022 regular meeting and approve as presented** by Brooks, seconded by Morrison. *Motion to approve with changes carried 8-0.*

Kelly Gildner to be added to Citizen Appearances. Corridon had grammatical changes to 6A-1 should be “happenings”, ~~wondering~~ should be “wondered”, “Brooks” not ~~Books~~, 2: Neeley “questioned”, and lastly, after section 10: methodology as park survey, that “expires” in February. Morrison mentioned 7I: Historic Preservation took one house “off” the table. Further clarification and discussion into the wording of “I”. Colette Spranger spoke up to clarify that the Commission took 103 S Madison off the table. The Homeowner was supposed to speak to the Commission. Brooks mentioned that to be really persnickety to mention that item 15-there was no motion to adjourn, it should just say that we adjourned at. Mayor Duggan confirmed due to closed session.

5. Civility reminder
6. Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed. **None.**
7. Reports of Committees

A. **Library Board Report:** Kloeckner read her written Library Report as follows:

General Updates

- Prairie Lakes Library System has officially replaced Arrowhead Library System. We are now part of a system consisting of more than 20 libraries in 3 counties (Racine, Rock, & Walworth).
- We now offer access to Kanopy. This resource allows patrons the ability to stream videos with access to movies, documentaries, foreign films, classic cinema, independent films, and educational videos.
- Circulation went up 12.73% from 2021-2022.

Program Updates

- We are collaborating with the school district and Creekside Place to provide some Martin Luther King Day Celebrations. Events will be held at Creekside, the Peace Garden Labyrinth, the library, and the High School.
 - Drum Circle at 2:00 PM
- Next Thursday (1/19), the Wisconsin Bureau of Consumer Protection will be here to discuss common scams and frauds as well as what to do if you or someone you know falls victim to a scam or fraud.

Brooks offered a suggestion about a collaboration with the Library and the Fire Department (similar to Spencer, Iowa) for a story time at the Fire Station.

- B. **Parks and Recreation Board Report:** Lewis stated the committee granted permission for the Boy Scout's upcoming event, Boy Scout Jamboree. The overnight campout will be on February 11th. The group will be work towards their Polar Bear Patches, by building igloos, with the help of Gene Pruden, provided there will be snow. Other reports included; Ice Rink maintenance, a brief status on the Dam, and pool construction/fundraising.

C. **Plan Commission Report**

- 1) **Motion to Approve Ordinance 2023-1, an Ordinance Rezoning Territory from Residential District 1 (R-1) to Residential District 2 (R-2) on Parcel 6-27-559.5051. Motion by Brooks, Seconded by Corridon. Motion carried 8-0.**

Spranger explained that the owner intends to build a duplex, but would like to sell both sides of the duplex to individual owners. In order to accomplish the request a zero lot line will need to occur, which is only allowed in the R-2 Zoning District. The zoning currently allows for a duplex however the distinction of homeowner/tenant vs two homeowners is being addressed by this request.

- 2) **Motion to Approve Ordinance 2023-2, an Ordinance Rezoning Territory from Local Business District (B-1) to Community Business District (B-3) on Parcel 6-27-589. Motion by Brooks, seconded by Neeley. Motion carried 8-0.**

Spranger gave an overview of the applicant, Subway restaurant. The restaurant owners purchased the building at 469/471 E Main St, with the intention to operate the restaurant on one side with a tenant on the other. The applicant is seeking permission to have a pick up window, currently allowed in B-3 Zoning Districts. Plan Commission discussed the potential stacking of cars on Main St. The current ordinance requires 100 feet for a pick up window. Which lead to Spranger to clarification this window will not be used to place orders, rather a pick up only window. Traffic and safety concerns can still be addressed at the public hearing, when applying for the Conditional Use Permit. Discussion regarding this motion was refocused on the rezone, which would permit use of the restaurant.

D. Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report

- 1) **Motion to accept the December 2022 City bills as presented in the amount of \$3,124,640.90, by Brooks, seconded by Corridon. Motion carried 8-0 by roll call vote.**

- E. **Public Safety Committee Report:** Stuart reported some Operator Licenses were issued. However the majority of the meeting was discussions on purposed updates to Dogs/Animals Leash Laws. Citizens in attendance asked for consideration to still have the use of Lake Leota Park. Alderperson Lewis suggested the idea to move Leash Law concerns to Park Board before it comes back to Public Safety. Doing so, allows discussion to have designated dog run areas, and/or set hours. Brooks asked for clarification on denying an Original Application for an

establishment. Stuart clarified that it was an Operator's License and in addition, tabled and establishment that they would have to reapply.

- F. **Municipal Services Report:** Brooks reported that the meeting was a routine end of year meeting with not a lot of action.
 - G. **Economic Development Committee Report:** Did not meet.
 - H. **Youth Center Advisory Board Report:** Corridon reported that a new member Abraham Rodriguez was introduced. There was discussion for the spring event being kickball instead of dodgeball and perhaps pushing the event to April/May at Leota Park. Jason Sergeant was present to discuss 2028 Capital Improvement Plan for potential new building. Next meeting will take place at the end of January.
 - I. **Historic Preservation Commission:** Did not meet.
 - J. **Fire District Report:** Brooks reported the Fire Chief's discussion surrounded the department moving to a future state. If Township Boards are not aligned to updating the mission not much can happen. Call to action was mentioned; the Chief asked Boards for discussion. The topics will be on the agenda again in February for possible action in March. Further reports and discussion were in regards to call volume, the increase in calls will continue to occur as neighboring communities reorganize resulting in more calls for aid.
 - K. **Police Commission Report:** Did not meet.
 - L. **Energy Independence Team Report:** Did not meet. Next meeting will be February 1st at the High School.
 - M. **Board of Appeals Report:** Did not meet
8. Unfinished Business: None
9. **Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator:** City Hall efforts are focused on training and an upcoming election in February. A meeting is set for 10:00 a.m on Friday the 13th at City Hall for materials/color selection for the pool. Prep work has started for Committee of the Whole. The web developer is working to help make website more user friendly. City Hall are getting locks replaced (keyless) and fix a hinge that is about to break.
- A. **Motion to appoint/reappoint members to the Tourism Commission by Brooks, seconded by Corridon**, Raj Patel, 715 Brown School Rd, Evansville, as the lodging industry representative; Sue Berg, 321 Garfield Ave, Evansville, as the Economic Development Committee member with public relations background; Jim Brooks, 563 S 6th St, Evansville, as Alderperson serving on the Economic Development Committee; Abbey Barnes, 228 W Main St, Evansville serving as a business owner; Jenny Weidel, 122 W Liberty St, Evansville, as a Creekside member; Ben Corridon, 213 S Madison St #3, Evansville serving as a citizen member. *Motion carried 8-0 by roll call vote.*
10. **Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor:** Duggan shared an upcoming meeting reminder of the Committee of the Whole, starting at 8am at Palace Meets, agendas will be available.
11. **New Business:** None
12. **Introduction of New Ordinances:** None
13. **Upcoming Meeting Reminder:**
- A. Committee of the Whole Meeting, Saturday January 21, 2023, at 8:00 a.m.
 - B. Regular Common Council Meeting, Tuesday February 7, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
14. **Motion to Adjourn**, by Neeley, seconded by Corridon at 6:36 pm. *Motion carried 8-0.*

Leah Hurtley, City Clerk

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